

The large grazing areas and comparatively cheap feed make it possible to produce a high quality of beef in the state. In this connection it is interesting to note that Utah cattle are in strong demand on West Coast markets during the winter months.

HORSES AND MULES

During recent years there has been a noticeable and steady reduction in the number of horses in Utah as well as elsewhere in the United States. This

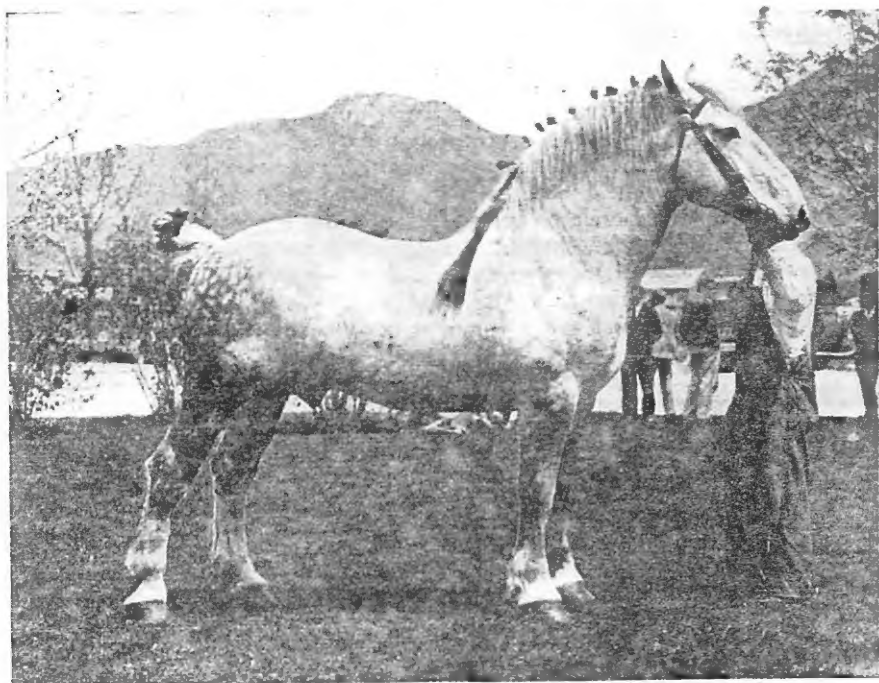


FIGURE 81—Champion Percheron Stallion, Maple Grove Belleme 190305, Utah State Agricultural College.

decrease does not seem to be justified from an examination of the conditions.

Utah's small irrigated farms, large ranches, and general mountainous topography tend to adapt its agriculture for horse rather than for tractor power. Nevertheless, steadily decreased breeding activities with draft horses in Utah during the past decade are shown by records of the Stallion Registration Board which indicate only ten per cent as many stallions recorded for service in 1930 as in 1919. However, in spite of the steady reduction in the number of horses as a whole there is at the present time a distinct note of renewed interest in horse breeding activities in the state. The greatly reduced numbers should indicate a good market for well-bred individuals in both the draft and light breeds during the next few years.

The draft horse. During the five-year period ending in 1919 the